

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MINUTE ORDER

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CORPUS CHRISTI District

The Harbor Bridge is located on US 181 approximately one-half mile north of the US 181/I-37 interchange and crosses the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. The bridge, a six-lane divided highway without shoulders, was built in the 1950s and opened for operation in 1959. It has 138 feet of vertical clearance and is 5,818 feet long. A feasibility study completed in 2003 concluded that US 181 and the Harbor Bridge need to be improved to provide a safe and efficient transportation corridor.

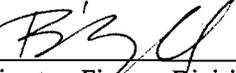
The Harbor Bridge mega project is a high priority for the Texas Department of Transportation (department) and the State of Texas. The development of the project will require a lengthy environmental review process.

Minute Order 112696, dated May 26, 2011, approved the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and established discretionary programming authority to assist the department's districts in developing projects with high local, regional or statewide interest that extend beyond traditional development timelines. For the Corpus Christi District to address the preliminary activities for such a large bridge replacement project, the programming authority necessary to develop this project needs to be increased.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the Harbor Bridge project is authorized with DEVELOP authority and the Corpus Christi District's Discretionary Programming Authority is increased by \$600 million. A detailed construction funding program for the project will be identified in the next update to the 2012 UTP.

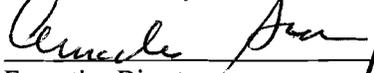
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Corpus Christi District's Discretionary Programming Authority, will be reduced by \$600 million when the Harbor Bridge project is authorized with CONSTRUCT authority utilizing a funded construction program and restored to its original level as authorized by Minute Order 112696, or the level authorized in the latest UTP.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Finance Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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